The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is pleased to announce the availability of six (6), two-year fellowships under the Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program. The program is funded by the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program and managed by the Coastal Services Center (CSC) in conjunction with the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) and the Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R). The contract is administered by the Environmental Careers Organization (ECO) for NOAA and applications are being accepted through July 6, 2005.

## Background information:

The NOAA Coral Reef Management Fellowship was established to respond to the need for additional coral reef management capacity and capability in the U.S. Flag islands. The program matches highly qualified recipients of bachelor's and master's degrees with hosts from the coral reef management programs within the U.S. Flag Pacific and Caribbean Islands. This two-year opportunity offers a competitive salary, medical benefits, and travel and relocation expense reimbursement. New fellows are placed every two years. Hosts for the 2005-2007 NOAA Coral Reef Management Fellowship include the coastal and marine resource management agencies of: American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam, Hawai'i, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

To apply and for more information on the specific positions in each jurisdiction, go to: <a href="http://www.eco.org/">http://www.eco.org/</a> and click on 'Internships'.

For more information on the Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program go to: http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cms/assistants/ or contact Margaret.VanderWilt@noaa.gov.